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# To the Bideford Borough Council

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My Mayor and Councillors,

I have pleasure in presenting herewith my Annual Report for the year ended December 31st, 1959.

It will be seen from the statistics that the health of the Borough remains good. The figures given compare very favourably with the previous year, and with those for the country in general. The Vital Statistics show a slight rise in the estimated population and a rise in the birth rate. Of the 157 deaths recorded, being a rise on last year, 121 were over the age of 65 years, and the commonest cause of death was cardiac and allied diseases. The total number of people on the Tuberculosis Register was 125 giving a figure of 11.95 per 1,000 of the resident population. During the year, 25 visits were made to interview applicants for Council Houses, in order to assess Medical priority on certificates submitted by Local Practitioners.

I am pleased to state the district continues to hold its own as a Health Resort as will be seen from the General Statistics given in the several Tables.

I am

Mr. Mayor and Councillors,

Yours faithfully,

C. JOHN CAREY.



|          |     |     |          |
|----------|-----|-----|----------|
| ...      | ... | ... | 4,068    |
| ...      | ... | ... | 10,200   |
| on, 1959 | ... | ... | 10,460   |
| ...      | ... | ... | 3,733    |
| ...      | ... | ... | £150,725 |
| ...      | ... | ... | £596     |

|                        |     |       |
|------------------------|-----|-------|
| Females 84.            | }   | 156   |
| Females 2.             |     |       |
| ... ..                 | ... | 14.91 |
| e births               | ... | 3.20  |
| Females 3.             | }   | 3     |
| Females —              |     |       |
| Births ... ..          | ... | 18.87 |
| ... ..                 | ... | 159   |
| ... ..                 | ... | 5     |
| Births ... ..          | ... | 32.05 |
| Legitimate             |     | 32.05 |
| Illegitimate           |     | Nil   |
| weeks per 1,000        |     |       |
| ... ..                 | ... | 25.64 |
| under 1 week per 1,000 |     |       |
| ... ..                 | ... | 25.64 |
| Deaths under 1 week    |     |       |
| 1 Births) (7 deaths)   |     | 44.03 |
| ... ..                 | ... | Nil   |
| and Still Births       |     | Nil   |
| ... ..                 | ... | 157   |
| population             | ... | 15.01 |

|                                      |     |     |     |     |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Deaths from Cancer (all ages)        | ... | ... | ... | 22  |
| „ „ Measles (all ages)               | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| „ „ Whooping Cough (all ages)        | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| „ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) | ... | ... | ... | Nil |

## LABORATORY FACILITIES

Comprehensive laboratory facilities are available through the District Pathologist at the North Devon Infirmary at Barnstaple. Full and rapid service is readily available.

The Blood Transfusion Service is centred at the District Laboratory and serves the whole North Devon Area.

Bacteriological examinations are carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Exeter.

## AMBULANCES

The Ambulance Service is under the Control of the National Health Service. Modified Group Control is now in operation and all journeys in the North Devon area are co-ordinated through the Barnstaple Ambulance Station. Two motor ambulances are stationed in Bideford for the transport of non-infectious cases. The Isolation Hospital maintains an ambulance which is reserved specially for cases using that Hospital.

## NURSING ARRANGEMENTS FOR BIDEFORD AREA

The Home Nursing Service is carried out by three District Nurses who combine general nursing with midwifery duties. Their work is of a high standard and there is full co-operation with General Practitioners of the area. Their work in the area does much to relieve the pressure on the Hospital Services.

## CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

A Chest Clinic is established at the North Devon Infirmary at Barnstaple. The treatment of Tuberculous patients is conducted by the Chest Physician at the Chest Centre, North Devon Infirmary, Barnstaple. A Comprehensive follow-up scheme for all patients and contacts is directed by him at Barnstaple and Bideford Hospital. Hawley and Hawkmoor Sanatoria serve the area for patients requiring hospitalisation.

A Special Treatment Centre for the treatment of Venereal Disease is at the North Devon Infirmary, Barnstaple.

## HOSPITALS

The Bideford area is provided for by the Bideford and District Hospital. The Hospital is for Medical and Surgical cases and main-



tains 52 beds. It is a S.E.A.N. Training School. Specialist Services are available at clinics held in the Hospital. The Consultants direct the treatment of cases admitted as Inpatients. The Isolation Hospital, now called the Kingsley Hospital, situated East-of-the-Water, provides for infectious cases from the whole of the North Devon Area. This Hospital is well situated for the admission and treatment of any infectious cases arising in the Bideford area, requiring Hospital Care. The Torridge Hospital situated in Meddon Street, provides Hospital care for the chronic sick. It provides for geriatric and chronic medical patients and is very well equipped with modern appliances. At the moment it provides 70 beds, the rest of the building being under reconstruction and modernisation. When completed it is hoped to increase the number of beds to 104.

## ANTE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL CARE

Ante-natal and post-natal clinics are conducted by each General Practitioner in the area, in co-operation with the Midwives. Specialist facilities are available at Barnstaple.

## BLIND PERSONS

The number of registered blind persons in the Bideford Borough is 21. Causes of disability; Cataract, 6; Glaucoma, 2; Optic Atrophy, 0; and other causes, 13.

There were no cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum notified during 1959.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND THEIR CONTROL

The following cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year:—

|                |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Measles        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 38 |
| Tuberculosis   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5  |
| Scarlet Fever  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 |
| Pneumonia      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2  |
| Whooping Cough | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 |
| Polio-myelitis | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4  |

## VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Vaccination against Smallpox and immunisation against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough are carried out by the General Practitioners of the area, and also at the Welfare Centres and School Clinics.

Polio-myelitis vaccination is carried out under the Devon County Council Scheme.

## LEGISLATION IN FORCE

### ADOPTIVE PUBLIC GENERAL ACTS

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890 ...  | 15th June, 1893   |
| Private Street Works Act, 1892  |                   |
| Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907—<br>Parts 2 (except Sec. 29). Parts 3, 4 and 6<br>Parts 7 (except Secs. 82, 84, 85, and 86)<br>Parts 8, 9 and Part 10 (except Sec. 94) | April, 1909       |
| Public Health Act, 1925, Part 2 (except sections<br>21 and 22) ... ..   | 1st January, 1926 |

### BYELAWS

|   |  |
|---|--|
| With respect to Markets ... ..  | 16th February, 1882                      |
| With respect to the Driving of Cattle ... ..  | 5th March, 1888                          |
| With respect to the Obstruction of Foot-<br>passengers ... ..   | 8th August, 1892                         |
| For the navigation of the River Torridge within<br>the Harbour of Bideford ... ..   | 4th July, 1894                           |
| With respect to the Lighting of Vehicles ...  | 11th November, 1899                      |
| With respect to the disturbance of persons<br>assembled in public buildings, shooting-<br>galleries, round-about, etc., street music and<br>bad language ... .. | 25th June, 1900                          |
| Prohibiting Spitting in Public Places ... ..  | 31st January, 1911                       |
| With respect to the Victoria Park Pleasure-<br>Ground ... ..  | 18th January, 1913                       |
| With respect to New Streets ... ..  | 10th July, 1928                          |
| With respect to the Management of the Public<br>Cemetery (Repealed in Part) ... ..  | 18th August, 1930<br>and 12th June, 1947 |
| Regulating the use of Motor Boats within the<br>Harbour ... ..  | 17th August, 1931                        |
| Relating to Violent Behaviour on Elementary<br>School Premises ... ..   | 1st April, 1951                          |
| For the Regulation of Advertisements ...  | 3rd December, 1939                       |
| With respect to the Decent Conduct of Persons<br>using Public Sanitary Conveniences ... ..  | 1st April, 1937                          |

With respect to :—

- (1) Nuisance contrary to Public Decency ...
- (2) Deposit of litter to the Detriment of Public Amenities ... ..
- (3) Wireless, Loudspeakers, Gramophones, etc. ... ..

1st February, 1937

For securing the observance of Sanitary and Cleanly Conditions and Practices in connection with the handling, wrapping and delivery of food ... ..

15th November, 1950

With respect to the supply of water ... ..

1st April, 1951

Sale of Contraceptives in Slot Machines ... ..

18th January, 1950

Prohibiting cycling on certain footpaths ... ..

1st April, 1951

With respect to Victoria Park ... ..

1st February, 1953

With respect to the Fouling of Footpaths by Dogs ... ..

15th June, 1953

With respect to Library, Reading Room and Museum ... ..

18th September, 1953

With respect to Cycling on the Riverbank ... ..

9th November, 1953

With respect to Building Byelaws ... ..

31st December, 1953

For the prevention and suppression of nuisances with respect to : 1. Loading of Vehicles ; 2. Deposit of Mud on Highways ; 3. Noisy Animals ; 4. Preservation of Road Margins laid out for Ornamental Purposes ... ..

1st July, 1957

**TABLE**  
**NOTIFIABLE**

| Disease           | TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |                   | Total |
|-------------------|----------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------------------|-------|
|                   | Under<br>1<br>year   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5  | 10 | 15 | 20 | 35 | 45 | 65<br>and<br>over |       |
| Scarlet Fever     | —                    | 2 | — | 4 | 1 | 13 | 3  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —                 | 23    |
| Pneumonia         | —                    | — | — | — | — | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | 2                 | 2     |
| Measles           | 3                    | 2 | 2 | 3 | — | 26 | 2  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —                 | 38    |
| Whooping<br>Cough | 1                    | 2 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 7  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | 1                 | 23    |
| Polio-myelitis    | 1                    | — | — | — | 2 | 1  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —                 | 4     |

I  
DISEASES

| TOTAL DEATHS       |                           |                           |                            |                             |                             |                             |                   |       |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Under<br>1<br>year | 1 and<br>under 2<br>years | 2 and<br>under<br>5 years | 5 and<br>under<br>15 years | 15 and<br>under<br>25 years | 25 and<br>under<br>45 years | 45 and<br>under<br>65 years | 65<br>and<br>over | Total |
| —                  | —                         | —                         | —                          | —                           | —                           | —                           | —                 | —     |
| —                  | —                         | —                         | —                          | —                           | —                           | —                           | 7                 | 7     |
| —                  | —                         | —                         | —                          | —                           | —                           | —                           | —                 | —     |
| —                  | —                         | —                         | —                          | —                           | —                           | —                           | —                 | —     |
| —                  | —                         | —                         | —                          | —                           | —                           | —                           | —                 | —     |





**TABLE II**  
**VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE DISTRICT DURING 1959 AND PREVIOUS 5 YEARS**

| Years | Estimated population for Year | Births |               | Nett Deaths belonging to the District |                          | Nett Deaths belonging to the District |                      |             |                          |
|-------|-------------------------------|--------|---------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
|       |                               | Nett   |               |                                       |                          | Under 1 year of age                   |                      | At all Ages |                          |
|       |                               | Number | Rate per 1000 | Number                                | Rate per 1000 population | Number                                | Rate per 1000 births | Number      | Rate per 1000 population |
| 1954  | 10300                         | 159    | 15.44         | 148                                   | 14.37                    | 5                                     | 31.45                | 148         | 14.37                    |
| 1955  | 10220                         | 136    | 13.31         | 140                                   | 13.70                    | 1                                     | 7.35                 | 140         | 13.70                    |
| 1956  | 10200                         | 141    | 13.82         | 168                                   | 16.47                    | 2                                     | 14.18                | 168         | 16.47                    |
| 1957  | 10210                         | 174    | 17.04         | 139                                   | 13.61                    | 2                                     | 11.49                | 139         | 13.61                    |
| 1958  | 10340                         | 146    | 14.12         | 138                                   | 13.35                    | 4                                     | 27.40                | 138         | 13.35                    |
| 1959  | 10460                         | 156    | 14.91         | 157                                   | 15.01                    | 5                                     | 32.05                | 157         | 15.01                    |

TABLE III  
CAUSES OF AND AGES AT

|  | Nett deaths at the subjoined ages of |    |              |    |                     |    |                     |    |                      |    |
|--|--------------------------------------|----|--------------|----|---------------------|----|---------------------|----|----------------------|----|
|  | All Ages                             |    | Under 1 year |    | 1 and under 2 years |    | 2 and under 5 years |    | 5 and under 15 years |    |
|  | M.                                   | F. | M.           | F. | M.                  | F. | M.                  | F. | M.                   | F. |
| Tuberculosis, respiratory ....               | 1                                    | —  | —            | —  | —                   | —  | —                   | —  | —                    | —  |
| Syphilitic disease ....                      | —                                    | 1  | —            | —  | —                   | —  | —                   | —  | —                    | —  |
| Other infective and parasitic disease ....   | 1                                    | —  | —            | —  | —                   | —  | —                   | —  | —                    | —  |
| Malignant neoplasm, stomach ....             | 2                                    | 2  | —            | —  | —                   | —  | —                   | —  | —                    | —  |
| Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ....      | 4                                    | —  | —            | —  | —                   | —  | —                   | —  | —                    | —  |
| Malignant neoplasm, breast ....              | —                                    | 2  | —            | —  | —                   | —  | —                   | —  | —                    | —  |
| Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms .... | 6                                    | 6  | —            | —  | —                   | —  | —                   | —  | —                    | —  |
| Leukaemia, aleukaemia ....                   | 1                                    | 1  | —            | —  | —                   | —  | —                   | —  | —                    | —  |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system ....      | 9                                    | 15 | —            | —  | —                   | —  | —                   | —  | —                    | —  |
| Coronary disease, angina ....                | 10                                   | 13 | —            | —  | —                   | —  | —                   | —  | —                    | —  |
| Hypertension with heart disease ....         | 5                                    | 7  | —            | —  | —                   | —  | —                   | —  | —                    | —  |
| Other heart disease ....                     | 8                                    | 18 | —            | —  | —                   | —  | —                   | —  | —                    | —  |
| Other Circulatory disease ....               | 1                                    | 6  | —            | —  | —                   | —  | —                   | —  | —                    | —  |
| Influenza ....                               | 1                                    | —  | —            | —  | —                   | —  | —                   | —  | —                    | —  |
| Pneumonia ....                               | 2                                    | 5  | —            | —  | —                   | —  | —                   | —  | —                    | —  |
| Bronchitis ....                              | 4                                    | 3  | —            | —  | —                   | 1  | —                   | —  | —                    | —  |
| Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ....           | —                                    | 1  | —            | —  | —                   | —  | —                   | —  | —                    | —  |
| Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ....      | 1                                    | 1  | —            | —  | —                   | —  | —                   | —  | —                    | —  |
| Hyperplasia of prostate ....                 | 3                                    | —  | —            | —  | —                   | —  | —                   | —  | —                    | —  |
| Congenital malformation ....                 | 1                                    | —  | 1            | —  | —                   | —  | —                   | —  | —                    | —  |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases ....  | 5                                    | 8  | 3            | 1  | —                   | —  | —                   | 1  | —                    | —  |
| Motor vehicle accidents ....                 | 1                                    | —  | —            | —  | —                   | —  | —                   | —  | —                    | —  |
| All other accidents ....                     | 1                                    | —  | —            | —  | —                   | —  | —                   | —  | —                    | —  |
| Suicide ....                                 | —                                    | 1  | —            | —  | —                   | —  | —                   | —  | —                    | —  |
| Totals ....                                  | 67                                   | 90 | 4            | 1  | —                   | 1  | —                   | 1  | —                    | —  |

## DEATH DURING 1959

'Residents' whether occurring within or without the District

| 15 and under 25 years |    | 25 and under 35 years |    | 35 and under 45 years |    | 45 and under 55 years |    | 55 and under 65 years |    | 65 and under 75 years |    | 75 and under 85 years |    | 85 and under 95 years |    | 95 and over |    |
|-----------------------|----|-----------------------|----|-----------------------|----|-----------------------|----|-----------------------|----|-----------------------|----|-----------------------|----|-----------------------|----|-------------|----|
| M.                    | F. | M.                    | F. | M.                    | F. | M.                    | F. | M.                    | F. | M.                    | F. | M.                    | F. | M.                    | F. | M.          | F. |
| —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | 1                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —           | —  |
| —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | 1  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —           | —  |
| —                     | —  | —                     | —  | 1                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —           | —  |
| —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | 1  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | 2                     | 1  | —                     | —  | —           | —  |
| —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | 1                     | —  | 2                     | —  | 1                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —           | —  |
| —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | 1  | —                     | —  | —                     | 1  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —           | —  |
| —                     | —  | —                     | —  | 1                     | —  | —                     | —  | 2                     | 2  | 1                     | 1  | 2                     | 2  | —                     | 1  | —           | —  |
| —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | 1                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | 1  | —           | —  |
| —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | 1  | 1                     | 1  | 4                     | 4  | 3                     | 3  | 1                     | 6  | —           | —  |
| —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | 1                     | 2  | 5                     | 5  | 4                     | 4  | —                     | 2  | —           | —  |
| —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | 1                     | —  | 1                     | 1  | 3                     | 4  | —                     | 2  | —           | —  |
| —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | 1  | 1                     | 5  | 4                     | 6  | 3                     | 6  | —           | —  |
| —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | 1  | —                     | 1  | 1                     | 3  | —                     | 1  | —           | —  |
| —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | 1                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —           | —  |
| —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | 2                     | 4  | —                     | 1  | —           | —  |
| —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | 1                     | —  | 1                     | 1  | 1                     | —  | 1                     | 1  | —           | —  |
| —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | 1  | —           | —  |
| —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | 1                     | —  | —                     | 1  | —                     | —  | —           | —  |
| —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | 1                     | —  | 1                     | —  | 1                     | —  | —                     | —  | —           | —  |
| —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —           | —  |
| —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | 1  | 2                     | 1  | —                     | 1  | —                     | 1  | —                     | 2  | —           | —  |
| 1                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —           | —  |
| —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | 1                     | —  | —                     | —  | —           | —  |
| —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | 1  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —                     | —  | —           | —  |
| 1                     | —  | —                     | —  | 2                     | —  | 1                     | 4  | 12                    | 9  | 18                    | 21 | 24                    | 29 | 5                     | 24 | —           | —  |

TABLE IV  
OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM

| Notified | CASES   |             |     | Vision not Impaired | Vision Impaired | Total Blindness | Deaths |
|----------|---------|-------------|-----|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
|          | Treated |             |     |                     |                 |                 |        |
|          | At home | In hospital |     |                     |                 |                 |        |
| NIL      | NIL     | NIL         | NIL | NIL                 | NIL             | NIL             | NIL    |

TABLE V  
TUBERCULOSIS

| AGE PERIODS    | NEW CASES |        |               |        | DEATHS    |        |               |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|---------------|--------|-----------|--------|---------------|--------|
|                | Pulmonary |        | Non-Pulmonary |        | Pulmonary |        | Non-Pulmonary |        |
|                | Male      | Female | Male          | Female | Male      | Female | Male          | Female |
|                |           |        |               |        |           |        |               |        |
| Under 1 year   | —         | —      | —             | —      | —         | —      | —             | —      |
| 1—5 years      | 1         | —      | —             | —      | —         | —      | —             | —      |
| 5—10 "         | —         | —      | —             | —      | —         | —      | —             | —      |
| 10—15 "        | —         | —      | —             | —      | —         | —      | —             | —      |
| 15—20 "        | 1         | —      | —             | —      | —         | —      | —             | —      |
| 20—25 "        | —         | —      | —             | —      | —         | —      | —             | —      |
| 25—35 "        | 1         | 1      | —             | —      | —         | —      | —             | —      |
| 35—45 "        | —         | 1      | —             | —      | —         | —      | —             | —      |
| 45—55 "        | —         | —      | —             | —      | —         | —      | —             | —      |
| 55—65 "        | —         | —      | —             | —      | 1         | —      | —             | —      |
| 65 and upwards | —         | —      | —             | —      | —         | —      | —             | —      |
| TOTALS         | 3         | 2      | —             | —      | 1         | —      | —             | —      |



TABLE VI  
INFANT MORTALITY  
Net Deaths from stated causes at various ages under 1 year

| Causes of Death                             | Under 1 week | 1 to 2 weeks | 2 to 3 weeks | 3 to 4 weeks | Total under 4 weeks | 4 weeks and under 3 months | 3 to 6 months | 6 to 9 months | 9 to 12 months | Total Deaths under 1 year |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Congenital malformation ....                | 1            | —            | —            | —            | 1                   | —                          | —             | —             | —              | 1                         |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases .... | 3            | —            | —            | —            | 3                   | —                          | 1             | —             | —              | 4                         |
| Totals ....                                 | 4            | —            | —            | —            | 4                   | —                          | 1             | —             | —              | 5                         |

# Annual Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
BIDEFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

My Mayor and Councillors,

I have pleasure in submitting my Ninth Annual Report on the sanitary administration of the area.

The year was marked by two major transactions, namely, the sale to the North Devon Meat Marketing Society of the Council's Public Abattoir and the invitation of tenders for the construction of a large new cattle market coupled with the agreement for sale of the old cattle market adjoining the abattoir to the Meat Marketing Society. Whilst some regret should be expressed in the disposal of the Abattoir it will be appreciated that the need of two expanding industries had to be met—on the one hand a slaughterhouse greatly overcrowded by its throughput and incapable of being brought up to the requirements of the construction regulations without extending, and the other a cattle market clearly not adapted to present day dealing and handling of live-stock. Soon a brand new cattle market will be available in Bideford and I only wish it had been possible for the Council to have built a new modern abattoir on a site which could have been open and away from the built up and congested areas which adjoin the present slaughterhouse. However plans have been discussed with the slaughterhouse company for extending the premises by building on the site of the old market, facilities to slaughter sheep and pigs and alter the present slaughterhalls to better accommodate the slaughtering of cattle. Much improvement had already been achieved by the end of the year which saw a continuance of the heavy throughput of meat for human consumption. I am very pleased to be able to say that every animal slaughtered on the premises and every carcase from animals slaughtered in emergency elsewhere and brought to the abattoir, has been inspected.

At the beginning of the year the Slaughterhouse Reports (Appointed Day) Order and the Slaughterhouse (Reports) Directions were made and require the local authority to review and, after consultation with such organisations as appear to the authority to represent the interests concerned, to report to the Ministry on the existing and probable future requirements of the district for slaughterhouse facilities and the slaughterhouse facilities which are, or are likely to become available to meet these requirements.

The report is to be submitted on or before 2nd November, 1960.

## HOUSING

Some further slow progress was seen in the matter of housing. Two areas, one of six and the other of nineteen houses were considered for

clearance. The area involving the nineteen houses was submitted to the Minister for confirmation and a local public inquiry was held in September. By the end of the year the Minister's decision had not been made known.

The properties in one clearance area involving five houses were demolished and the site cleared.

Three individual houses were voluntarily demolished by the owners.

Of five other houses, in respect of which undertakings not to re-let were accepted, two have been absorbed into and used as parts of business premises adjoining.

### IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

The scheme for improvement of houses with grant assistance was extended during the year with the coming into operation of the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959. The new system, which does not affect the arrangement for making discretionary improvement grants, provided, as a right, for a grant up to a maximum of £155 to instal five standard amenities—bath, hot water supply, wash-hand basin, water closet and food store subject to two conditions—(1) that the authority is satisfied the house will be fit to live in for at least 15 years and (2) that when the work is complete the premises will be provided with all five amenities.

Four applications for a discretionary grant were received and two of these covering improvements totalling £694 15s. in cost were approved.

Thirteen applications for the new standard grant were received and nine of these, involving a total cost of ~~£665~~ were approved. It is <sup>£820</sup> interesting to note, however, that the actual sum payable for the provision of these amenities amounted to £467.

### RENT ACT 1957

No applications for certificate of disrepair were received during the period under review. Since this Act came into operation some 2½ years ago a total of 17 applications have been received and only in one case has an owner applied for cancellation of either certificate of disrepair or his undertaking. It is known however that the necessary works of repair were carried out in each case. These circumstances rather give rise to much doubt that the Act in itself will achieve its purpose in the matter of repairs and maintenance.



## DETAILS OF INSPECTIONS

|   |     |     |     |     |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Dwellings inspected under Public Health Acts                          | ... | ... | ... | 127 |
| Revisits made under Public Health Acts                                | ... | ... | ... | 168 |
| Miscellaneous under Public Health Acts                                | ... | ... | ... | 111 |
| Dwellings inspected under Housing Acts                                | ... | ... | ... | 49  |
| Revisits made under Housing Acts                                      | ... | ... | ... | 46  |
| Miscellaneous under Housing Acts                                      | ... | ... | ... | 54  |
| Housing Act (overcrowding)  | ... | ... | ... | 1   |
| Housing Act (improvement Grant)                                       | ... | ... | ... | 46  |
| Housing Act (Improvement Grants) Revisits                             | ... | ... | ... | 39  |
| Rent Act—Revisits   | ... | ... | ... | 2   |
| Standard Grants   | ... | ... | ... | 13  |
| Standard Grants—Revisits  | ... | ... | ... | 10  |
| Council Houses (including investigation of Council House application) | ... | ... | ... | 94  |
| Meat Inspections  | ... | ... | ... | 677 |
| Inspection of Food and Food Premises                                  | ... | ... | ... | 47  |
| Inspection of Food and Food Premises—Revisits                         | ... | ... | ... | 19  |
| Inspection of Ice Cream Premises                                      | ... | ... | ... | 5   |
| Inspection of Pannier Market and Butchers Row                         | ... | ... | ... | 26  |
| Food Hygiene Regulations  | ... | ... | ... | 4   |
| Factories Act   | ... | ... | ... | 11  |
| Factories Act—Revisits  | ... | ... | ... | 12  |
| Inspection made under Fire Escapes in case of Fire                    | ... | ... | ... | 1   |
| Water Samples—Bacteriological   | ... | ... | ... | 58  |
| Water Samples—Chemical  | ... | ... | ... | 2   |
| Water Supply—Investigations   | ... | ... | ... | 6   |
| Petroleum   | ... | ... | ... | 44  |
| Petroleum—Revisits  | ... | ... | ... | 53  |
| Infectious Diseases   | ... | ... | ... | 22  |
| Infectious Diseases—Revisits  | ... | ... | ... | 5   |
| Insect Pest   | ... | ... | ... | 10  |
| Insect Pest—Revisits  | ... | ... | ... | 3   |
| Drainage  | ... | ... | ... | 47  |
| Drainage—Revisits   | ... | ... | ... | 18  |
| Mortuary  | ... | ... | ... | 12  |
| Refuse Tip  | ... | ... | ... | 8   |
| Accumulation  | ... | ... | ... | 1   |
| Rag and Bone Stores   | ... | ... | ... | 2   |
| Rag and Bone Stores—Revisits  | ... | ... | ... | 6   |
| Rodent Control  | ... | ... | ... | 14  |
| Caravan   | ... | ... | ... | 1   |
| Number of Preliminary Notices served                                  | ... | ... | ... | 83  |
| Number of Preliminary Notices completed                               | ... | ... | ... | 80  |
| Number of Statutory Notices served under Public Health Act            | ... | ... | ... | 2   |
| Number of Statutory Notices completed under Public Health Act         | ... | ... | ... | 1   |
| Number of Notices served under Food Hygiene Regulations 1955/56       | ... | ... | ... | 7   |
| Number of Notices completed under Food Hygiene Regulations 1955/56    | ... | ... | ... | 6   |

|  |     |     |     |
|--|-----|-----|-----|
| Number of Notices served under Factories Act                                     | ... | ... | -   |
| Number of Notices completed under Factories Act                                  | ... | ... | 1   |
| Number of Houses demolished  | ... | ... | 5   |
| Number of Houses demolished voluntarily by owners                                | ... | ... | 3   |
| The Chief Defects that have been dealt with are :—                               |     |     |     |
| Roof repaired  | ... | ... | 82  |
| Defective Doors, Locks, etc., repaired or renewed                                | ... | ... | 178 |
| Chimney Cows fitted  | ... | ... | 13  |
| Chimney Pots renewed   | ... | ... | 7   |
| Defective Floors repaired  | ... | ... | 6   |
| Defective Windows repaired and Sashcords renewed                                 | ... | ... | 97  |
| Defective Handrails repaired   | ... | ... | 5   |
| Defective Skirting Boards repaired   | ... | ... | 3   |
| Broken Glass replaced  | ... | ... | 14  |
| New Draining Boards supplied   | ... | ... | 6   |
| Interior Plaster repaired  | ... | ... | 32  |
| Exterior Plaster repaired  | ... | ... | 34  |
| New Ceilings fitted  | ... | ... | 1   |
| Defective Ceilings repaired  | ... | ... | 9   |
| New W.Cs. Provided   | ... | ... | 5   |
| Defective W.Cs. Flushing Cisterns, Overflows and Seats repaired or renewed       | ... | ... | 167 |
| Defective Eaves Gutters, Vent Pipes and Down Pipes repaired—                     | ... | ... | ... |
| or renewed   | ... | ... | 18  |
| Choked Drains cleared  | ... | ... | 45  |
| Defective Drains repaired  | ... | ... | 20  |
| New Drains laid  | ... | ... | 2   |
| New Manholes provided  | ... | ... | 2   |
| New Sinks or Washbasins provided   | ... | ... | 4   |
| Defective Sinks or Washbasins repaired or renewed                                | ... | ... | 18  |
| Defective Cookers, Firegrates or Stoves repaired or renewed                      | ... | ... | 141 |
| Defective Electric Fridges, Washboilers, Points and Switches repaired or renewed | ... | ... | 73  |
| Defective Gas Boilers or Geysers repaired or renewed                             | ... | ... | 50  |
| Defective Water Supply, Water Tanks, Taps and Pipes repaired                     | ... | ... | ... |
| or renewed   | ... | ... | 70  |
| Defective Waste Pipes renewed  | ... | ... | 9   |
| New Bathrooms provided   | ... | ... | 2   |
| New Hot Water Systems installed  | ... | ... | 3   |
| New Kitchen provided   | ... | ... | 1   |
| Rising Dampness remedied   | ... | ... | 9   |
| Whole House re-decorated   | ... | ... | 5   |
| Rooms re-decorated   | ... | ... | 15  |
| Accumulations cleared  | ... | ... | 3   |
| Nuisance abated  | ... | ... | 16  |
| Miscellaneous Items including Paved Yards, Footpaths, Fences, etc.               | ... | ... | 143 |



# Housing

Number of New Houses completed and occupied during the year :

|                                   |     |     |     |     |       |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| (1) By the Borough Council        | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil   |
| (2) By Private Enterprise         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13    |
| Applicants on list at end of 1958 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 81    |
| Added to list during 1959         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 56    |
|                                   |     |     |     |     | <hr/> |
|                                   |     |     |     |     | 137   |

|   |     |     |       |
|---|-----|-----|-------|
| Housed by transfers and new tenancies in existing premises during the year                                  | ... | 34  |       |
| Removed from list during the year including 25 persons who did not reply to questionnaire sent out in July. | ... | 45  | 79    |
|   |     |     | <hr/> |
| Remaining on list at end of year  | ... | ... | 58    |

Applicants awaiting Council accommodation including those wishing to transfer from their present house to either a large one or a cheaper one totalled 58 at the close of the year.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND INFECTION

The following cases of Infectious Diseases have been notified during the year :—

|                |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Measles        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 38 |
| Tuberculosis   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5  |
| Scarlet Fever  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 |
| Pneumonia      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2  |
| Whooping Cough | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 |
| Polio-myelitis | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4  |

# **FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.**

## **Part I of the Act.**

**Inspections** for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors.

| Premises   | Number<br>on<br>Register | Number of   |                     |                          |
|--|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
|  |                          | Inspections | Written<br>notices. | Occupiers<br>prosecuted. |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...                     | 14                       | 4           | —                   | —                        |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...                     | 79                       | 19          | —                   | —                        |
| (iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ... | 5                        | —           | —                   | —                        |
|  | 98                       | 23          | —                   | —                        |

## 2. Defects Found.

| Particulars   | M/c line No. (2) | Number of cases in which defects were found |              |                       |                                | Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7) | M/c line No. (8) |
|---|------------------|---|--------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---|------------------|
|   |                  | Found (3)                                   | Remedied (4) | To H.M. Inspector (5) | Referred By H.M. Inspector (6) |   |                  |
| (1)   |                  |   |              |                       |                                |   |                  |
| Want of cleanliness (S.1)   | 4                | Nil   | Nil          | Nil                   | Nil                            | Nil   | 4                |
| Overcrowding (S.2)  | 5                | Nil   | Nil          | Nil                   | Nil                            | Nil   | 5                |
| Unreasonable temperature (S.3)  | 6                | Nil   | Nil          | Nil                   | Nil                            | Nil   | 6                |
| Inadequate ventilation (S.4)  | 7                | Nil   | Nil          | Nil                   | Nil                            | Nil   | 7                |
| Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)  | 8                | Nil   | Nil          | Nil                   | Nil                            | Nil   | 8                |
| Sanitary Conveniences (S.7):  |                  |   |              |                       |                                |   |                  |
| (a) Insufficient  | 9                | 1   | 1            | Nil                   | Nil                            | Nil   | 9                |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective   | 10               | Nil   | 1            | Nil                   | Nil                            | Nil   | 10               |
| (c) Not separate for sexes  | 11               | Nil   | Nil          | Nil                   | Nil                            | Nil   | 11               |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) | 12               | Nil   | Nil          | Nil                   | Nil                            | Nil   | 12               |
| TOTAL   |                  | 1   | 2            | Nil                   | Nil                            | Nil   |                  |

Part ii of the Act. SAFETY PROVISIONS (Section 34).

During the year certificates of Adequate Means of Escape in Case of Fire were issued in respect of 4 Factories after consultation with the Devon County Fire Service.

The Factories Act, 1959 received assent in July 1959 and when it comes into operation the functions relating to Means of Escape in Case of Fire will pass from Local Councils to the Fire Authority.

Part VIII of the Act. OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111)

| Nature of Work                  | Section 110  |   |   | Section 111                                      |                |              |
|---------------------------------|--|---|---|--|----------------|--------------|
|                                 | No. of outworkers in August list required by Sect. 110(1)(c) | No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council | No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists | No. of instances of work in unwholesome Premises | Notices served | Prosecutions |
| Wearing Apparel—<br>Making, &c. | 79   | —   | —   | —  | —              | —            |

## RAINFALL

The Borough Surveyor kindly supplied the following particulars of the rainfall recorded at Gammaton and Jennetts for the year 1959.

|           |     |     |     |     | <i>Gammaton</i> | <i>Jennetts</i> |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-----------------|
| January   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4.88            | 5.47            |
| February  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.26            | 0.28            |
| March     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3.84            | 3.66            |
| April     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2.33            | 2.34            |
| May       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1.23            | 1.45            |
| June      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1.13            | 1.04            |
| July      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2.08            | 2.27            |
| August    | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1.93            | 1.47            |
| September | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.20            | 0.25            |
| October   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4.81            | 5.04            |
| November  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8.11            | 9.40            |
| December  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8.10            | 8.20            |
|           |     |     |     |     | —               | —               |
|           |     |     |     |     | 38.90           | 40.87           |
|           |     |     |     |     | —               | —               |
|           |     |     |     |     | Inches          | Inches          |



# Water Supply

A satisfactory supply of water continued to be supplied by the Council from their two sources, namely Jennetts Reservoir and Gammaton Reservoir supplemented in the former case by water from the Yeo-Duntz stream pumped from Edge Mill to the reservoir and in the latter by water purchased in bulk from the North Devon Water Board and piped to the clear water tank at Gammaton. Raw waters were treated by filtration and all waters were chlorinated before passing into circulation; generally speaking the quality of the water has been satisfactory, but due to the exceptionally dry spell during May to September it was necessary to curtail supplies during the period 15th September to 30th October. The Water Department's detection of leaks continues, but despite their ever-watchful eye, rate of consumption is on the increase.

During the year a new trunk main was laid from the Buckland Road Storage Tank to the bottom of Pitt Lane with a branch along Honestone Street as far as the Cattle Market. The main was brought into commission on the 28th November and it has had the desired effect of alleviating the areas of poor pressure. The preparatory work on the scheme for improving the Gammaton supply had to be held in abeyance due to the shortage of staff.

Towards the end of the year it became known that the Devon County Council were taking steps to re-organise water supplies throughout the County which would have the effect of transferring the Council's undertaking to the North Devon Water Board.

Twenty-nine samples of water were taken from various points on the Jennetts supply and sent to the Public Health Laboratory at Exeter for bacteriological examination. All twenty-nine samples were Class 1 of the Ministry of Health's classification for piped supplies.

Twenty-two samples of water were taken from various points on the Gammaton supply and sent for bacteriological examination. One sample fell below the standard and twenty-one samples were Class 1 of the Ministry of Health's classification for piped supplies.

## PRIVATE SUPPLIES.

Seven samples of water taken from wells at three private houses were all found to be unsatisfactory.

In the case of two of these properties improvement works were put in hand. In the third instance every endeavour was being exercised by the owner to obtain a connection to the town main supply.

## DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

No extensions or modifications to the Town's Sewerage System have been undertaken during the year.

## INSECT PESTS.

Very little trouble was experienced from infestations.

One house was disinfested for fleas.

Two houses were treated for Wasps.

The surface of the Refuse Tip was treated with "Tip Dressing" as preventative measure against the breeding of flies.

## RODENT CONTROL.

During the year the testing and treatment of sewers was undertaken on one occasion. It was found however, that the sewers for the most part, were again comparatively free from infestation.

The Refuse Tip was treated at intervals by pre-baiting and poisoned baits to exterminate rats. Considerable success attended these efforts but as has been reported on occasions before the condition of the tip and the method of working it left much to be desired. So long as inorganic material like prams, tins, metal tanks, drums, cardboard and wooden boxes are dumped and covered without first filling them up or crushing them large hollows and caverns are formed inside the body of the tip providing ideal homes for rats which are centrally heated, with food immediately available and absolutely inaccessible for treating.

Better control over this tip must be exercised and to this end mechanical equipment should be introduced; all containers should be broken, flattened or filled up before being covered; tip layers should not exceed a depth of 8 feet and the face and sides of the tipped refuse should be covered each day with the appropriate depth, viz. 6 inches, of soil or similar covering.

Inspection of premises in the area continued and infestations found were treated by the Council's Rodent Operator. No charge was made for work done by the Council in respect of domestic premises.

Two-hundred and five dwelling houses and twenty-five business premises were visited and treatment was carried out on two dwelling houses for rats or mice.

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

During the year the Public Abattoir became a Private Abattoir on its acquisition by the North Devon Meat Marketing Society Ltd., whose aim now is to extend and improve it. The throughput of meat remained high and the requirements of butchers, not only in the town, but in neighbouring districts and areas as far afield as Ilfracombe, Barnstaple, Okehampton and Exeter and those of wholesale markets in London continued to be satisfactorily met. Provision continued to be made also for individual butchers to have their livestock slaughtered.

28,876 animals were slaughtered and dressed at the Abattoir, and of these 70 Bullocks, 41 Calves, 698 Sheep and 252 Pigs were sent to the Abattoir for Emergency slaughter.

In addition to the above, there were brought to the Abattoir the "dressed" carcasses of 1 Bullock, 3 Calves, 14 Sheep and 3 Pigs.

The incidence of *Cysticercus Bovis* :—a parasitic disease transmitted from cattle to man by the consumption of infected beef and from man to cattle by contamination of pastures and drinking water with sewage or human excreta—continued on a high percentage as will be seen in Table "A". Another condition affecting pigs gave cause for concern insofar as a number of people were notified to this department as being affected with Trichiniasis. This illness arises from the consumption of undercooked pork which has become infected with the spiral worm *Trichinella-Spiralis*, a nematode—transmitted to the pig by rats or feeding it with raw or undercooked swill. Unfortunately it is most difficult, if not impossible, to detect infected meat by ordinary inspection but investigation into this matter was continuing at the close of the year.

The "dressed" carcasses were of animals that had been slaughtered and "dressed" at farms as the animals, because of injury or some other emergency, had been unable to travel to the Abattoir.

**STUNNING.** In compliance with statutory requirements, all animals that are killed in the slaughterhouse are rendered insensible to pain by means of a mechanically operated instrument.

The following Tables give a summary of the work carried out :—  
Table A. Gives details of the animals killed and the number of carcasses or organs condemned, also showing percentages of the carcasses affected, differentiating between

- 1 — All diseases except Tuberculosis.
- 2 — Tuberculosis only.
- 3 — Cysticercosis.

Table B. Gives the weight of the Meat and Offal condemned and the causes of condemnation.

Table C. Shows the amount of "Other Foodstuffs" condemned and reasons for condemnation.





**TABLE A**  
**CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED**

|  | Cattle<br>exclud'g<br>Cows | Cows  | Calves | Sheep<br>and<br>Lambs | Pigs  | Horses |
|--|----------------------------|-------|--------|-----------------------|-------|--------|
| Number killed ....   | 2797                       | 422   | 352    | 16872                 | 8433  | —      |
| Dressed carcasses ....   | 1                          | —     | 3      | 14                    | 3     | —      |
| Number inspected ....  | 2798                       | 422   | 355    | 16886                 | 8436  | —      |
| <b>All Diseases except Tuber-<br/>culosis and Cysticerci</b>   |                            |       |        |                       |       |        |
| Whole carcasses condemned  | 8                          | 40    | 51     | 301                   | 25    | —      |
| Carcases of which some<br>part or organ was con-<br>demned ....  | 2278                       | 339   | 6      | 3332                  | 853   | —      |
| Percentage of the number<br>inspected affected with<br>disease other than tu-<br>berculosis and cysticerci | 81.70                      | 89.81 | 16.06  | 21.51                 | 10.41 | —      |
| <b>Tuberculosis only.</b>  |                            |       |        |                       |       |        |
| Whole carcasses condemned  | —                          | —     | —      | —                     | 1     | —      |
| Carcases of which some<br>part or organ was con-<br>demned ....  | 26                         | 3     | —      | —                     | 157   | —      |
| Percentage of the number<br>inspected affected with<br>tuberculosis ....                                   | 0.93                       | 0.71  | —      | —                     | 1.87  | —      |
| <b>Cysticercosis.</b>  |                            |       |        |                       |       |        |
| Carcases of which some<br>part or organ was<br>condemned ....  | 103                        | 7     | —      | —                     | —     | —      |
| Carcases submitted to treat-<br>ment by refrigeration  | 103                        | 7     | —      | —                     | —     | —      |
| Generalised and totally<br>condemned ....  | —                          | —     | —      | —                     | —     | —      |
| Percentage of numbers<br>inspected affected with<br>Cystic-Bovis .....                                     | 3.68                       | 1.66  |        |                       |       |        |



**TABLE**

**SUMMARY OF MEAT CONDEMNATION WITH**

| Food Stuffs<br>Condemned | Cause of<br>Condemnation                   | Whole<br>Carcases |
|--------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Beef                     | Tuberculosis                               | —                 |
| Beef Parts               | Do.  | —                 |
| Beef Offal               | Do.  | —                 |
| Beef                     | Other Causes                               | 48                |
| Beef Parts               | Do.  | —                 |
| Beef Offal               | Do.  | —                 |
| Veal                     | Other Causes                               | 51                |
| Veal Parts               | Do.  | —                 |
| Veal Offal               | Do.  | —                 |
| Pork                     | Tuberculosis                               | 1                 |
| Pork Parts               | Do.  | —                 |
| Pork Offal               | Do.  | —                 |
| Pork                     | Other Causes                               | 25                |
| Pork Parts               | Do.  | —                 |
| Pork Offal               | Do.  | —                 |
| Mutton                   | Emaciation                                 | 91                |
| Do.                      | Dropsy                                     | 61                |
| Do.                      | Do.  | —                 |
| Do.                      | Oedema                                     | 35                |
| Do.                      | Do.  | —                 |
| Do.                      | Metritis                                   | 18                |
| Do.                      | Ill-bled                                   | 16                |
| Do.                      | Moribund                                   | 13                |
| Do.                      | Injuries                                   | 10                |
| Do.                      | Do.  | —                 |
| Do.                      | Anaemia                                    | 12                |
| Do.                      | Peritonitis                                | 8                 |
| Do.                      | Fevered                                    | 7                 |
| Do.                      | Septic Pleurisy                            | 6                 |
| Do.                      | Do.  | —                 |
| Do.                      | Septicaemia                                | 4                 |
| Do.                      | Pronounced Odour                           | 4                 |
| Do.                      | Pyæmia                                     | 4                 |
| Do.                      | Abscess                                    | 3                 |
| Do.                      | Do.  | —                 |
| Do.                      | Tumours                                    | 3                 |
| Do.                      | Toxaemia                                   | 2                 |
| Do.                      | Decomposition                              | 3                 |
| Do.                      | Arthritis                                  | 1                 |
| Do.                      | Do.  | —                 |
| Mutton Offal             | Distoma Hepaticum—<br>Cysts and Congestion | —                 |

B

CAUSE OF CONDEMNATION AND WEIGHT

| Part<br>Carcases | Tons | cwts | qurs | lbs | Tons | cwts | qrs | lbs |
|------------------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|
| —                | —    | —    | —    | —   | 27   | 8    | 1   | 9   |
| 12               | —    | 1    | 3    | 1   |      |      |     |     |
| 27               | —    | 6    | 1    | 21  |      |      |     |     |
| —                | 9    | 11   | 2    | 11  |      |      |     |     |
| 11               | —    | 7    | 2    | 22  |      |      |     |     |
| 2606             | 17   | 0    | 3    | 10  | 1    | 5    | 3   | 27  |
| —                | 1    | 5    | 1    | 10  |      |      |     |     |
| 1                | —    | —    | 1    | 13  |      |      |     |     |
| 5                | —    | —    | 1    | 4   |      |      |     |     |
| —                | —    | 1    | 0    | 19  |      |      |     |     |
| 156              | —    | 16   | 3    | 6   | 3    | 17   | 2   | 24  |
| —                | —    | —    | —    | 12  |      |      |     |     |
| —                | 1    | 8    | 2    | 25  |      |      |     |     |
| 29               | —    | 5    | 1    | 16  |      |      |     |     |
| 824              | 1    | 5    | 2    | 2   |      |      |     |     |
| —                | 1    | 15   | 1    | 18  | 11   | 12   | 3   | 11  |
| —                | 1    | 10   | 0    | 2   |      |      |     |     |
| 10               | —    | 1    | 1    | 20  |      |      |     |     |
| —                | 1    | 0    | 0    | 24  |      |      |     |     |
| 3                | —    | 1    | 0    | 4   |      |      |     |     |
| —                | —    | 12   | 1    | 16  |      |      |     |     |
| —                | —    | 11   | 2    | 6   |      |      |     |     |
| —                | —    | 5    | 0    | 4   |      |      |     |     |
| —                | —    | 6    | 2    | 10  |      |      |     |     |
| 16               | —    | 1    | 3    | 12  |      |      |     |     |
| —                | —    | 7    | 1    | 14  |      |      |     |     |
| —                | —    | 4    | 1    | 24  |      |      |     |     |
| —                | —    | 3    | 0    | 14  |      |      |     |     |
| —                | —    | 3    | 2    | 1   |      |      |     |     |
| 9                | —    | 2    | 0    | 0   |      |      |     |     |
| —                | —    | 2    | 1    | 7   |      |      |     |     |
| —                | —    | 2    | 3    | 9   |      |      |     |     |
| —                | —    | 1    | 1    | 25  |      |      |     |     |
| —                | —    | 1    | 2    | 8   |      |      |     |     |
| 4                | —    | —    | 1    | 20  |      |      |     |     |
| —                | —    | 2    | 0    | 10  |      |      |     |     |
| —                | —    | 1    | 2    | 4   |      |      |     |     |
| —                | —    | 2    | 0    | 9   |      |      |     |     |
| —                | —    | —    | 1    | 13  |      |      |     |     |
| 10               | —    | —    | 3    | 3   |      |      |     |     |
| 3280             | 3    | 11   | 1    | 14  | 11   | 12   | 3   | 11  |
|                  |      |      |      |     | 44   | 4    | 3   | 15  |

TABLE C

| Foodstuffs Condemned             | Cause of Condemnation       | Tons | cwts | qrs | lbs | ozs |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| 240 Tins of Meat                 | Tins blown or decomposition | —    | 6    | 2   | 27  | 9½  |
| 121 Tins of Vegetables           | Do.                         | —    | 1    | 3   | 11  | 13  |
| 21 Tins of Soup                  | Do.                         | —    | —    | —   | 16  | 6½  |
| 29 Tins of Fish                  | Do.                         | —    | —    | —   | 20  | 11¾ |
| 1 Box of Fish Fillets            | Decomposition               | —    | —    | —   | 21  | 0   |
| Pieces of Bacon                  | Do.                         | —    | —    | 1   | 0   | 8   |
| 667 Tins of Fruit                | Tins damaged and blown      | —    | 9    | 3   | 13  | 13½ |
| 75 Tins of Tomatoes              | Do.                         | —    | —    | 3   | 16  | 4   |
| 69 Tins of Milk                  | Do.                         | —    | —    | 2   | 3   | 3½  |
| 2 Tins of Cream                  | Do.                         | —    | —    | —   | —   | 12  |
| 9 Tins of Milk Puddings          | Do.                         | —    | —    | —   | 8   | 11½ |
| 2 Tins of Marmalade              | Do.                         | —    | —    | —   | 4   | 0   |
| 6 Packets of German Bread        | Do.                         | —    | —    | —   | 5   | 4   |
| 40 Currant Buns                  | Mouldy                      | —    | —    | —   | —   | —   |
|                                  | Contaminated by spilling—   | —    | —    | —   | —   | —   |
|                                  | onto ground                 | —    | —    | —   | 3   | 0   |
| 37 Packets of Currants           | Mouldy                      | —    | —    | —   | 27  | 12  |
| 1 Case of Desiccated Coconut     | Rancid                      | —    | 1    | 0   | 18  | 0   |
| 942 Packets of Dried Vegetables  |                             | —    | 9    | 0   | 6   | 11  |
| 251 Packets of Dried Fruit       |                             | —    | 1    | 1   | 16  | 14  |
| 1514 Packets of Dried Fish       |                             | —    | 4    | 1   | 26  | 12  |
| 206 Packets of Dried Meat        |                             | —    | 1    | 0   | 4   | —   |
| 40 Packets of Dried Chicken Meat |                             | —    | —    | —   | 24  | 0   |
|                                  | Total                       | 1    | 18   | 1   | 25  | 2½  |

The number of food premises in this area, by type of business is :—

|     |  |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|-----|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| (a) | Bakchouses                                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3  |
|     | Butchers Shops                               | ... | ..  | ... | ... | ... | 19 |
|     | Cafes and Restaurants including Fish Saloons | ... |     |     |     |     | 23 |
|     | Confectioners                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 24 |
|     | Fish and Chip Shop                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2  |
|     | Fishmongers                                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5  |
|     | Greengrocers                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 22 |
|     | Grocers and Provision Dealers                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 44 |
|     | Market                                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |

(b) 10 Premises are registered for the manufacture or storage of preserved foods ;

43 premises are registered for the storage and sale of ice cream, one being a wholesale store supplying other retailers.

In addition there is one registered manufacturer of ice cream using the cold mix method of manufacture.

(c) Condemned food is disposed of as follows :—

(i) tinned foods and small quantities of provisions are taken by the Council's cleansing department and buried at the bottom of the refuse tip ;

(ii) condemned meat from butchers shops is collected and taken to the slaughterhouse where it is collected together with condemnations from the slaughterhouse by a firm who has given an undertaking to the Council that the material taken will be reduced to fats or converted to fertilizers.

(d) Food Hygiene Regulations 1955-1956.

109 visits of inspection were made to food premises, vans and stalls.

Minor improvements were secured in a number of instances and in one case works of an extensive nature involving structural repairs and alteration were being proceeded with.

### MILK SUPPLY.

Eleven purveyors of milk are registered as distributors, one of these being a large concern which is licensed by the Food and Drugs Authority as a pasteurising establishment. This establishment, in addition to selling by retail, supplies by wholesale all but two of the remaining distributors.

Four licenses to use the designation "Tuberculin Tested" and seven licences to use the designation "Pasteurised" were issued during the year. One supplementary licence in relation to the sale of pasteurised milk by a distributor from premises outside the Borough was also issued.

There are three premises registered as a dairy.

## PETROLEUM LICENCES.

Licences were renewed for 32 premises to permit the storage of petroleum spirit. The total quantity of petroleum spirit stored covered by these licences amounted to 41,568 gallons. A further 60 gallons was stored on premises by virtue of the provisions of the Petroleum Spirit (Motor Vehicles, etc.) Regulations 1929.

I wish to thank all members and officials of the Corporation and especially Dr. Carey and the staff in my office for their help and consideration during the year.

I am,

Mr. Mayor and Councillors,

Your obedient Servant,

A. E. T. NETTING.





